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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Kazushi TORII et al. :
Serial No.: 10/053,659 :
Filed: January 24, 2002 :
For: WATER-ABSORBING AGENT AND :
PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND :
WATER-ABSORBENT STRUCTURE :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
SUBMISSION OF SECOND SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

REMARKS

The present amendment submits a Substitute Specification to correct a number of minor grammatical errors in the specification. A marked-up copy of the specification with the changes underlined is also attached.

This application was originally filed in the Japanese language. In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, a first Substitute Specification was filed with the verified English translation. The present submission is a second Substitute Specification to correct minor errors

in the first Substitute Specification. The attached marked-up copy of the specification indicates the changes to the first Substitute Specification.

The changes to the specification relate only to matters of form and do not add new matter. Applicants request examination proceed based on the Substitute Specification filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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